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## Town Meeting Votes to Put Off Roadwork for One More Year

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – For the fifth consecutive year town meeting voters decided against paying for any major road projects. While last year's \$2.5 million road bond failed narrowly, missing the 2/3 majority required of bonds by just a single vote, this year the gap was much larger with just 54.1 percent saying yes to the \$6 million bond.

The bond discussion was the longest of town meeting, taking more than an hour to square away. While proponents argued that it was the responsibility of taxpayers to maintain town infrastructure and that putting off the work was only going to increase its cost, those against it argued that it was just too expensive, some going so far as to request that the roads go

back to dirt.

Assuaging concern amongst voters that the bond article didn't specify roads that would be tackled with its funds, Mike Oleson and selectman Jack Cannon successfully amended the article with a list of roads to be worked on.

Oleson had always wanted a list of roads to be included but the selectmen took the names out before they put the warrant together.

That list included a reclaim of Jennifer, Holman, Parker, Rand, Great Oak and 4/10 of a mile of the better looking part of East Derry Road. A shim and overlay for Pheasant Run, Meadow Fox, Partridge, Quail Hill, Eagle's Crest, Shepard Home, Hanson and the portion of Fremont from Hale True to the Fremont line. Also a full rebuild was planned for the other 6/10

of a mile of East Derry and 1.9 miles of Harrantis Lake Road.

Selectmen presenting the article stated that it was their job to present what they felt was necessary road work, but that they were looking for a healthy discussion on which roads should be tackled and how much voters were willing to ante up for the work.

Cannon stated that they needed feedback from voters to create a comfort level amongst them so that the town could begin some of its many critical road projects.

"If we don't get started here pretty quick we're going to be in big trouble," said Oleson, a refrain he's been trying to get voters to hear since he came on as road agent.

Resident and recently elected selectman Rich Le-

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## Hampstead Selectmen Refuse to Sign Sustainable Communities Initiative

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Board of Selectmen did their homework on the request to sign the Partnership Agreement with the Rockingham Planning Commission Sustainable Communities Initiative and stuck to their initial reaction not to do so. They saw no benefit to Hampstead for doing so and feared a loss of local control. They declined to sign the agreement.

Resident, John Grieco, Jr. came to the meeting asking the board not to sign the agreement and was armed with a huge packet of material, much of which he shared with board members. He expressed satisfaction that the board had

decided not to sign the agreement. Grieco said in his opinion if the board signed the agreement eventually it would affect all Hampstead land owners by being told what they could and couldn't do with their land. He said, in the future, this initiative that comes down from the United Nations, would supersede local control.

Neil Emerson asked the board if a decision had been reached on his query over why certain private roads were still being plowed. Chairman Sean Murphy said the board had looked into Emerson's complaint and had taken the necessary steps to ensure that the private roads he identified would no longer be plowed. He apologized for failing to

get back to Emerson with that information. Road Agent Jon Worthen said that a small portion of one of the roads, Bailey Shore, would be plowed in order to keep open a hydrant. Member Rick Hartung said his road might be plowed but it wouldn't be by the Town.

Police Chief Joe Beaudoin asked the board to approve extending the Department's motorcycle lease for a second year. The cost would be \$3,900 but it isn't paid by tax payer dollars. Rather the cost comes out of the Police Detail Fund. Beaudoin said the motorcycle had 4,000 miles on it that didn't go on a cruiser and that it had proved to be a great PR tool as it got into neighborhoods and attract-

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**NORTH STAR SHINES** Sandown North School third grade students Isabella Cannata, right, and Lauren Woods have a laugh during the school's celebration of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The school had a number of festivities to recognize their achievement. See story on page 2.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Building Inspector Hours to Increase, Vacation Policy Enforced

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – A disagreement over changes to the building department and code enforcement had the board of selectmen and building inspector/code enforcement officer Ken Sherwood at odds over how to move forward for the better part of the board's meeting on Monday May 14. While the selectmen outlined changes they wanted in his jurisdiction, Sherwood, having served as an inspector

for nearly three decades, had some historical perspective that forced him to question the selectmen.

Though the discussion took about an hour and a half, the board eventually made it clear that Sherwood needed to follow their guidelines, as they were the boss.

The discussion would normally take place in non-public session but Sherwood requested that the meeting remain open.

The main points under review Monday were how Sherwood's time off should

be handled, payment practices and office hours.

Much of the argument came down to the selectmen wanting to implement a more businesslike environment and Sherwood questioning whether that would better serve residents and builders.

Some of the selectmen's concern was prompted earlier this year when they said they were not given adequate notice when Sherwood thrice went out of town for vacations. This

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# North Celebrated as National Blue Ribbon School

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

**SANDOWN** – It was a big day at North School on Friday May 11, as the community came together to celebrate the school, its teachers and students. North has been named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and last week the community held an official

commemoration of the accomplishment.

The morning saw a breakfast and then speeches from educators and politicians in praise of North while patient, polite students quietly listened. The afternoon was more the student's speed, as they spent their celebration time after lunch playing with animals and watching African drumming and dance.

In early September North,

which serves kindergarten through third grade, was recognized for their dedication in creating an environment where all students can succeed. Self identifying as a "professional learning community," educators here were commended because of consistently high test scores, but also a focus on teamwork, good communication, passionate educators, innovation, a commitment to celebrating learning, and a culture that inspires all to live up to their full potential.

North is just one of 304 schools across the country and the only school in NH to receive the award this year, and the community is justifiably proud of an accomplishment that has been years in the making.

Roberta Tenney, school standards administrator with the NH Department of Education (NHDOE), may have summed up the effort best. Successful schools just don't happen by accident, she said. She pointed out all of the dynamic factors that go into how successful a school is, and commended North for an extraordinarily effective learning environment; an environment that also makes certain that each and every child knows that they are cared for and loved.

Tenney told the students that they were very lucky to go to school in Sandown, but it was likely they would only realize how lucky as they entered the larger world.

Principal Jo-Ann Georgian was heralded by many in creating the environment that led to the distinction, but in turn she commended her team of staff and teach-

ers, parents and students.

Georgian thanked the community, from the Timberlane Regional School District, to consultants, to the school board and budget committee. She thanked the families of staff and teachers as the unsung heroes of the successful school. She thanked the student's families for their every day support.

Thanking her team Georgian said, "I've been in education a long time and I've never worked with a group like this. If it's right for the students, then in this building it happens."

Timberlane Regional School District superintendent Richard LaSalle spoke of the journey that North had taken, echoing its guiding story, 'The North Star.' LaSalle spoke of the leap of faith the school community took years ago in adopting a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, something many have lauded as a major contributor to the school's success.

LaSalle remarked that he had long been a proud supporter of North School, often talking it up among fellow administrators and educators. That routine heralding eventually had the NHDOE commissioner Virginia Barry visiting Sandown to see what all the fuss was about. Soon after she nominated the school for the Blue Ribbon.

Also on hand Friday were Sandown school board member Lori Aubrey, US Representative Frank Guinta (R-NH), representation from US Senator Kelly Ayotte's (R-NH) office, state senator Jack Barnes (R-Raymond), NH representative Jim Devine (R-



Students were treated to a chance to feed and pet dozens of animals brought to the school on Friday, May 11.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*



African Drum and Dance group Akwaabi gave two performances during the activities on Friday, May 11.

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# Small Number of Town Meeting Voters Pass All Articles but Highway Articles

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER- It was another small turnout for town meeting this year, with just over 7 percent of voters in attendance during its busiest. Supervisors of the checklist recorded 223 voters. There are 3026 registered in town.

From its start at 9 a.m. the meeting took approximately five hours for a dwindling number of voters

to slog through 17 warrant articles. All articles passed except for two highway department articles, a \$6 million road bond (see related story) and the purchase of a Class 8 dump truck about which the road agent and selectmen disagreed on the usefulness of.

The budget saw significant discussion because of a disagreement between the selectmen and budget committee on the bottom line. During the discussion two

amendments were floated by the selectmen to increase that bottom line but just one passed.

Following the failure of the road bond the selectmen backed a move by road agent Mike Oleson to add monies for roadwork into the coming year's budget. Though a larger figure was considered, given the 10 percent rule (which governs how much can be spent above an official budget committee's recommenda-

tions) an addition of \$350,000 was considered.

This sum would have included the \$94,128 difference between the selectmen's and budget committee's figures.

That amendment failed, but another amendment to raise the budget up to the selectmen's number passed with 52 yes and 41 no votes.

That bulk of the \$94,128 difference comes by way of the budget committee's decision to reduce the selectmen's number by \$14,883 in the salary raise pool, \$13,520 in the finance director contract line, \$35,440 in government building repair and maintenance and about \$15,000 in the highway budget.

Once amended the budget passed easily, totaling \$3,675,049.

Many residents came out to see the passage of article 14, which will match \$45,000 of taxpayer funding with \$45,000 from the Chester Field of Dreams Committee to level the front field at the Wason Pond

Conservation and Recreation Area. All who spoke were in favor of the article which seeks to complete work outlined in the master plan for the area.

Estimates at town meeting have work beginning this August. Plans are to strip the topsoil, grade and install drainage and then spread the topsoil out again before seeding the area. It is estimated that once the work begins it will be another 18 months before the fields are again usable for sports and other pastimes.

The results of town meeting are as follows:

Article eight, road bond: failed. Article nine, to hear the reports: passed. Article ten, operating budget: passed with amendment. Article 11, purchase of a dump truck for the highway department: failed. Article 12, \$20,250 for the purchase of a new police cruiser: passed. Article 13, \$45,000 for repairs to Edwards Mill Dam: pass. Article 14, \$45,000 for the

leveling of fields at Wason Pond: passed. Article 15, \$49,945 grant for the replacement of the Fremont Road culvert: passed. Article 16, \$25,000 to the Building Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund: passed. Article 17, Establish a capital reserve fund for unanticipated repairs and maintenance: passed. Article 18, Acceptance of a grant for extrication equipment for the fire department: passed. Article 19, \$15,000 to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund: passed. Article 20, \$8,000 for impact fee methodology studies: passed. Article 21, \$72,641 to the Employee Separation Benefits Capital Reserve Fund: passed. Article 22, \$7,881 to Public Access Cable Television: passed. Article 23, discontinuation of the Towle Road Capital Reserve Fund: passed. Article 24, discontinuation of the Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund: passed.

## Central's Scarpati Takes Principal Job in Nashua

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Jennifer Scarpati, Assistant Principal at the Hampstead Central School has accepted the Principal's position at the Amherst Elementary School in Nashua effective July 1.

Scarpati has been Hampstead Central School's assistant principal for the last six years. Prior to coming to Hampstead she taught in a Nashua Elementary School. Scarpati will replace retiring Principal Pat Snow.

The Hampstead School District is advertising for a replacement for Scarpati. The position is available effective July 1. According to the advertisement the position would be for an 11

month contract with the salary to be determined by the superintendent.

The Timberlane/Hampstead School Districts - SAU 55 - is also in the throes of replacing departing Superintendent Richard LaSalle who brought Scarpati to Hampstead from Nashua. The Superintendent search is being conducted by NESDEC and the hope is there will be a new person in place by fall.

Online applications are being sought for the Central School Assistant Principal position and the expectation is this position will be filled by July 1 if the School Board approves.

Longtime School Board member Natalie Gallo said she had no idea about Scar-

pati taking the Nashua job.

"I'm very disappointed that the SAU didn't do the decent thing and notify the board about this before I heard it from residents and others in the schools," she said.

Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg said that the board hasn't been officially notified as yet because they don't have a meeting until May 22.

"I did speak with the board chairman (Judy Graham)," he said. "We are trying to replace her but I can't do anything officially until the board accepts Jennifer's resignation."

Gallo said the Hampstead Board was trying to schedule an emergency meeting to discuss this issue prior to the May 22 meeting.

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# Editorial

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# Letters

## Voter Apathy

To the editor:

To the Citizens of Chester

Today, May 8, the citizenry of Chester reached a new low.

When I voted after work today at 5 p.m., only 262 out of almost 3,000 registered voters had turned out to cast their ballots in town elections. My emotions are a mixture of anger, disbelief, disgust, and disappointment at this appalling display of apathy and lack of interest in determining our future and who will serve as our town officials. In speaking with several of our elected officials at the polls, I was assured that I was not alone in this feeling.

Why is this, fellow citizens of Chester? The normal excuses of "my vote doesn't count for much" and "I was too busy" are not sufficient to placate me. The process costs about half an hour of your time (including travel), even if you live at the opposite end of town from the polls. The waiting time is non-existent, and the ballot takes about five minutes to read if you go through every word carefully.

Do you not care about what your taxes will be? Do you not care if the person elected either shares or opposes your views? Will you be the first to complain when a decision is made by the officials you chose not to vote for or against?

Town elections are the most basic form of local government choice, and the place where even a single vote carries a heavy weight. In small town elections, your vote truly does matter. Since 1775, over 27 million Americans have died to get and retain for us this privilege and responsibility. I shed my own blood for this right some 40 odd years ago and remember well the days when as a 19- and 20-year-old in a combat zone, I was unable to vote because the

legal age was still 21.

Is it too little to ask that you act in your own self-interest and cast your ballot?

As is always the case, I have no doubts that when a decision is made that meets your disapproval, you who complain loudest will be those who ignored the opportunity to exercise their franchise. The cynical part of me applauds your apathy since it gives far greater weight to my vote. The rational part of me remains disgusted at this lack of responsibility and display of poor citizenship.

If it were legal and in my power, I would loudly support a property tax surcharge of \$100 per person for each registered voter who abrogated their duty.

It's time to clean up your act, registered voters of Chester.

David Anderson  
Chester

## Another Perspective To The Chester College Story

To the editor:

Chester College of New England has been in the news recently due to rumors about its potential closure and questions raised by the faculty and staff about the leadership of President Bob Baines.

We applaud the efforts of the entire college community in support of a school we all love. Our goal has always been to continue to provide an excellent educational experience guided by a group of dedicated administrators, faculty and staff.

Since it was founded in 1965, the college has never been on sound financial footing. Tuition and fees paid each year have rarely covered expenses. Over the past 47 years additional funds have come from a modest endowment and a few major donors. Several times the college initiated plans to close and/or seek

mergers with other schools. In fact, when President Baines arrived in 2007, the college was speaking with three other colleges about possible mergers.

Chester College needs approximately 185 students to break even. (There are currently 119 full time students). The expected deficit for this school year is just over \$600,000 and is projected to be in excess of \$1 million next year. To invest in capital improvements, 200 students are needed.

Despite hiring an experienced admissions team in 2009, the college is still not attracting enough students to be viable. We appreciate that they have struggled against the lingering recession.

In light of these facts the board has explored options to continue Chester College's curriculum and provide good educational opportunities for its students.

Mr. Baines has undertaken this task professionally and effectively, the same way he has faced all the college's challenges.

Given legal restrictions against drawing from the endowment to fully close funding gaps, as well as the loss of support from the school's largest donor before he arrived, Mr. Baines brought in experienced financial management, reduced operating expenses and secured lines of credit to fund the school.

Due to his advocacy, the Trustees approved spending over \$1 million to bring college facilities up to code to keep the school open. He secured approval from the trustees for all additions to the curriculum requested by the faculty. He started a new scholarship fund for students, and solicited acquaintances from his long career in education and public service to contribute.

We appreciate the passion that students, faculty and staff feel. We know that when communities feel

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threatened there can be an instinctive reaction to look for someone or something to blame. It is unfortunate that the target has been the person most responsible for sustaining the college for the past five years.

The board of trustees will be convening to consider Chester College's options. In fairness to incoming and returning students and their parents, faculty and staff - a decision will be made soon.

We believe that members of the college community have been doing everything in their power to put Chester College on solid financial footing. We also believe that without strong leadership over the past five years, the school would not have made it this far. It is because of the passion of the president and his leadership team that we have granted their requests for more time. We appreciate the efforts of all involved to meet the needs of the students we serve.

Submitted by:  
Board of Trustees of  
Chester College of New  
England.

## No Confidence in Baines

To the editor:

I am writing as the parent of an incoming Chester College freshman. I see the faculty and staff have overwhelmingly communicated

a vote of no confidence in president Baines, which has been roundly rejected by the board of trustees. As the parent of a student as well as a member of a neighboring community, I feel president Baines should step aside, as the students, faculty, staff and parents have no faith in his efforts to save the school.

The students have managed to raise approximately \$100,000 in the meager time since the information was leaked that the school was in danger. What's not clear is what Baines has done regarding fundraising. Merging with other schools and supporting a large marketing campaign are not fundraising.

Every college needs to have aggressive marketing campaigns, and their president still has to put in the time and effort to raise funds. Secretly trying to merge with eight other institutions undermines what Chester College represents for many students and the parents who send them there, and is an endeavor in which he failed to accomplish anything.

It has come to my attention that Mr. Baines, while mayor of Manchester, received a vote of no confidence from the Aldermen of that city. I am not pleased with the idea of a man who in two different positions has faced a vote of no confidence from those who have worked with him. It hardly seems a prudent choice to

stay in a position where you are no longer wanted and are not trusted.

My daughter worked diligently to be accepted to Chester and she's not sure what her future holds. Chester has been her first choice since her junior year; as soon as her acceptance came, she turned down the acceptances she received from other institutions. Had president Baines been transparent about the situation, my daughter would still have applied, it would still have been her first choice, but she would have known that turning down her other acceptances was not an option.

Mr. Baines stated that telling anyone would jeopardize enrollments. Keeping his secret has jeopardized my daughter's future and ruined an exciting and hopeful time as she transitions from high school to college. She is left wondering if she will be in college next year or working, if she can even find a job, while waiting to apply to other colleges again.

President Baines has not yet communicated directly with the parents of incoming students to whom he owes an explanation and an apology.

I strongly urge the board of trustees to reconsider the vote of no confidence regarding president Baines and to carefully consider what the students have accomplished in a couple of weeks, compared to what the president has accom-

plished in a couple of years when deciding the fate of the school.

I emphatically add my voice to those you have already heard who want to make clear that we have 'no confidence' in Robert Baines.

Monique Belmer  
Derry

## Concern Over Movie

To the editor:

I must conclude, with the new Adam Sandler movie "That's My Boy," that our society is still very much accepting of statutory rape of boys. In the movie, a 13-year-old boy (depicted by a significantly older actor to allow a more palatable visual) is sexually used (raped) by an adult teacher.

The resulting celebration of the character "Danny's" break with virginity and "bagging" an adult babe, there is no outrage or concern for the wrong done against the child...against society and against real children via complete disregard for the public-shift they seek. Congratulatory, glorified back-slapping is literally a key component perpetuated in this movie and thus to our teens. They will be more likely to become victims and less likely to disclose sexual abuse.

We have in fact devolved.

Rob Brown  
Chester

# OBITUARY

## Ruth R. Holmes,

Ruth R. Holmes, 97, of Sandown, NH died Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Parkland Medical Center, Derry. Mrs. Holmes was born in West Newbury, Mass. on March 28, 1915, a daughter of the late Charles and Idella (Rowell) Poore. Growing up in West Newbury, she was active in both Grange and All Saints Episcopal Church.

She graduated from West Newbury High School. In 1938, she graduated from Keene Teachers College, following which she accumulated 28 years of teaching in the schools of Kensington, Chester, Sandown and Kingston. She was a member of the State Retired Educators Association and the Timberlane/Sanborn Retired Educators Association. In 1942, she married Everett Holmes. While he served in the Armed Forces, she spent some time with him in Texas and Louisiana, continued teaching, knitted for the Red Cross and was very much involved in the rationing of everything from sugar to gasoline.

After retiring in 1975, she and her husband enjoyed several winters at their home in Englewood, FL.

She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Bassett and her husband Carroll of Sandown, her son, Charles Holmes and his wife Mildred of Raymond, five grandchildren, James Bassett, Scott Bassett, Stacey Gilcreast and Kathleen Winter all of Sandown, and Lisa Ullah of Manchester, seven great-grandchildren, a sister, Rachel Adams of Merrimac, Mass., also several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years in 2007 and by her granddaughter, Terry Holmes in 2002.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, graveside services will be held on Saturday June 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Center Cemetery, Route 121A, Main St., Sandown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made the Sandown Fire Rescue Association, P.O. Box 1756, Sandown, NH 03873. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

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# Developer Sues Sandown Over Current Use Tax Timing

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

**SANDOWN** – Sandown is facing five lawsuits from developer Bob Villella over a disagreement in how the Land Use Change Tax (current use) was determined on 27 parcels.

While the town's assessing company Municipal Resources Incorporated (MRI) and legal counsel hold that they're following the law as it's written, Villella and his legal counsel think their own reading is correct, thus sending the matter to court.

The land use change tax, or current use tax, is a 10 percent penalty landowners are charged when they take their land out of current use status, a status that guarantees low property taxes on undeveloped land. In Sandown the tax goes to the Conservation Commission for preserving land.

The law governing the tax holds that preserving the open space is in the public

interest because it not only provides a healthful outdoor environment but imposes few if any costs on local government, and is therefore an economic benefit to its citizens.

Each pending lawsuit is basically the same, but lists different properties which Villella's companies have paid current use. Nearly all of the properties are in the Phillips Pond Estates subdivision, property owned by JH Chase, LLC. The land was purchased from River Bank in 2010. Development on that site began in 2007 before JH Chase was in possession.

One of the assertions of the suits, filed by Attorney Sumner Kalman on behalf of JH Chase and Montana Realty Trust, is that all parcels should be taken out of current use when work starts on that subdivision. The practice now is to take individual lots out as they are developed, not when the road first goes in or when

other, similar improvements are made.

Villella argues that putting a road in vastly increases the value of the parcels and as such, current use should be assessed on the land before that occurs, or backed out of the tax. He wants the parcels all to be taken out at the same time and current use tax paid on their undeveloped assessment.

"Roads increase value. Let's say a lot is worth \$75,000. For it to be worth \$75,000, we need to put \$40,000 or \$50,000 into it," said Villella.

According to state law, land that has been classified as open space and assessed at current use values shall be subject to a land use change tax when it is changed to a use that does not qualify for current use assessment. The law states that land should be considered changed when, "Actual construction begins on the site causing physical changes in the earth, such as building a road to

serve existing or planned residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional buildings; or installation of sewer, water, electrical or other utilities or services to serve existing or planned residential, commercial, industrial, institutional or commercial buildings; or excavating or grading the site for present or future construction of buildings; or any other act consistent with the construction of buildings on the site; except that roads for agricultural, recreational, watershed or forestry purposes are exempt..."

The disagreement lies in whether each parcel in a subdivision is deemed changed when work begins on the subdivision, or when work begins on the individual parcel.

While case law is cited in the suits to buttress the argument that all parcels

should be taken out at once, the town's attorney, Diane Gorrow, argues that the case cited involves a condominium complex, different from a subdivision.

Gorrow states, "By way of further answer, RSA 79-A:7 V(a) was amended after that concurring opinion was issued to delete the reference to "completed development plan" and to make it clear that a town can assess the land use change tax on a lot-by-lot basis as the Town did in this case."

The town goes on to argue that while the development companies find fault with including betterments to property when assessing the tax, the town is required by state law to include those betterments.

Villella met publicly with the board of selectmen to ask for an abatement, but

after that meeting, the board decided to leave the matter in the hands of the assessor and attorney.

Villella said he did not want to sue the town and desired to come to an agreement. He believes he's right, however, and said he was forced to leave the matter up to the courts.

The current use tax has already been paid on the parcels. Those payments total about \$136,000.

There are further arguments in the suits that charge the town with not billing in the statutory time frame, but the town denies the allegations and additionally charges the developer with not alerting the town in writing of the change in use as required.

The first hearing on the cases is scheduled for Dec. 7 at Rockingham County Superior Court.

## Software Upgrade to Stem Broadcast Issues

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

**HAMPSTEAD:** The live Cable Channel 17 broadcast of the Planning Board on Monday night didn't happen and then in the midst of the School Board broadcast the following night the screen went blank again. This time the issue was resolved and the broadcast continued.

Frustrated and embarrassed the Cable TV Advisory Board made the decision Wednesday night to pay a little more and get the system up and running glitch-free.

The board voted to have their Tightrope software program upgraded and the tape deck fixed by Michael Ridinger, Unique Media Systems in order to finally

get all the issues ironed out. They decided the \$670 price tag is pretty minimal when all things are considered and the board is putting multiple thousands into a new 'studio in a box' unit to use for broadcasts originating from outside the Town Hall studio. The board voted unanimously to have Unique Media Systems upgrade the software and make the necessary adjustments to get the system running properly so live broadcasts could function without further blackouts.

Clay Shaw, Cable Chairman said the new 'studio in a box' equipment is ready to be delivered. The board decided it would be best to have the equipment delivered and the first round of

training given once the Interim Studio Manager, Bianca Nicolosi, is on board, which will happen on or after May 17th. The board is anxious to have the new equipment and cameras in place and training accomplished before the June 19th, Middle School Graduation that will utilize the 'studio in a box.' The board decided to add \$837 to the already approved \$29,971 for Access A/V for the complete 'studio in a box' system with support and training to ensure the cameras work at their highest capacity and quality. This would still keep the entire cost of the new system under the approved \$32,000 cap the board had unanimously voted to set at a previous meeting.



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# School Board Gets Overview of New State Assessments

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead School Board got a thumbnail sketch of the changes in assessment that will be in place by the spring of 2015 in New Hampshire.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests are being phased out and the present New Hampshire Grade Level Expectations will be replaced by Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

These CCSS will be for

English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects and Mathematics.

Hampstead School District Curriculum Director Doris Bucu told the School Board at its Tuesday, May 8, meeting that 46 states have adopted the CCSS approach. These are research-based content standards for Kindergarten through Grade 12 and will define what students should know and be able to do to prepare them to succeed in college and the workforce.

The CCSS were devel-

oped a common standard to replace the multitude of standards across the United States, given student mobility and global competition as well as skills needed for today's workforce. But Bucu noted this is not a federal initiative, but rather a state initiative.

CCSS Language Arts and English language will place greater emphasis on informational reading, writing, speaking, listening and language, and address the need for students to be able to use related media in responses. In math there will be new

practice and content standards, with algebra for all eighth graders. Bucu said there would be more changes in the area of math so Hampstead staff would be focusing on the math CCSS first.

The assessment timeline would see NECAP testing in the fall of 2012 having some math transitional items, and the final NECAP test given in the fall of 2013. There would be no NECAP test in the fall of 2014, and in the spring of 2015, the first Common Core State Standards test would be given.

New Hampshire will be

using Smarter Balance assessment tests, an on-line computer adaptive assessment that will require technology to be available to all students. Bucu referred residents to the following websites for additional information: <http://www.corestandards.org> and <http://www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/ccss/index.htm>.

Bucu said staff will be looking at purchasing new math and Language Arts texts in order to align with the new Common Core Standards.

In other business at the May 8 meeting:

- Selectman Chairman Sean Murphy asked that a member of the School Board become a member of the Highway Safety Street Light Committee. The board approved Jim Stewart's joining that committee.

- Approval to grant board chairwoman Judy Graham the authority to act for the board on hiring matters that arise during the summer hit a snag when Stewart said he was opposed to any such authority if it had to do with adding an additional teacher. Before adding an additional teacher, he demanded full board approval, saying

he joined the School Board to represent the 60 percent of Hampstead residents who do not have children in the schools but who support the schools, and he wanted to make sure that spending is carefully monitored and curtailed.

- Superintendent Richard La Salle gave an overview of what he sees changing in education. He also told the board Hampstead students do well in the region, the state and the country. He said Hampstead has been on the cutting edge of shifting the emphasis from waiting until after a student fails to get them help to a model where identification and early intervention are the rule.

La Salle also called Hampstead unique for its educational excellence and caring, and for the way the community interacts with the schools, providing a unique family connection. He said the Hampstead infrastructure is good 20th century but the buildings are not 21st century and need to be upgraded. And he praised Lori Collins, District Technology Director, for her work.

## Roadwork

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Blanc argued in favor of the bond. He threw his support behind Oleson, stating that it was time for voters to support his efforts.

Selectman Joe Hagan argued that the town needed to make an investment into its real property, not only for their own sake, but for the sake of others, as the roads were used by emergency responders.

While Oleson urged the town to move beyond the issues that the last road bond brought to the fore when Rob Brown was the road agent, others wanted to know what had changed in recent years to give them

confidence that their money would be effectively managed.

Some of the roads that Oleson wanted to tackle with this year's money are roads that were never completed under that last road bond.

Oleson gave his word that if he wasn't elected for another term he would personally see that before he left office the bond's funds were allocated to the right projects, and tied up in appropriate contracts.

Chris Hadik spoke on behalf of the budget committee, which had concerns over the annual and total cost of the ten year \$6 million bond. The committee estimates that over ten years

the bond would cost \$4600 for the owner of a \$300,000 home. It would accrue about \$1 million in interest over that life.

Resident Royal Richardson relayed an anecdote that as he was driving down East Derry Road earlier in the year he hit a pothole that resulted in a \$450 repair to his vehicle. He argued that the town was paying for these roads even if they weren't paying to fix them.

"Turning this down doesn't resolve the problem. As owners and stakeholders of our town we need to invest in it to keep it the nice place we want to live in," said Richardson.

Others suggested turning all of the roads back into

dirt, a suggestion that Oleson said was not feasible because of the cost and the likelihood that they would become impassable during wet weather.

By the end of the discussion 192 ballots were cast. 104 were in favor of the article and 88 were against.

Later in the meeting Oleson and the selectmen attempted to increase the budget by about \$250,000 to pay for some work this year. The move raised anger among some voters and failed to pass by a wide margin; 31 for and 65 against.



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# Red and Barbara Dolloff, Two of Many Recognized at Town Meeting

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The fire station will be named in honor of Raymond “Red” Dolloff Jr., former fire chief, dedicated member of the department and unofficial “Mayor” of Chester.

Red Dolloff passed away last May at the age of 75, prompting likely the biggest funeral procession the town had ever seen. It was a testament to the man’s impact on his community and the fire station is meant to be a lasting tribute.

The announcement was made during town meeting, the result of efforts spearheaded by Dolloff’s close friends and former fire department compatriots Darrell Quinn and John Colman.

Selectman chair Steph Landau announced the dedication, backed by Colman and current fire chief Rich Antoine.

“He was a friend to each and every person in this town,” said Landau.

An emotional Barbara Dolloff, Red’s wife, was asked to say a few words.

“I always felt Red was Smokey the Bear reincarnated,” said Dolloff, talking about how Red kept a loving eye on the whole town. She added that though her husband probably wouldn’t have wanted the recognition, he surely would have been honored.

An open house during Town Fair will commemo-

rate the dedication.

The fire station announcement was one of many made during town meeting. Traditionally the selectmen choose volunteers and employees of the year and recognize citizens which have made an impact in the preceding 12 months or more.

Police officer Will Sable, fire chief Rich Antoine and firefighters Phil Gladu and Carri Lelievre were all recognized for their heroic efforts at saving a man who had suffered cardiac arrest while traveling in town earlier this year. They were all commended for going above and beyond and received ‘Chester Hero’ t-shirts.

Longtime planning coordinator Cynthia Robinson received recognition as ‘full time employee of the year’ for her continued efforts at keeping the planning board on track and informed.

Chuck Myette and Baron Richardson were recognized for spearheading the creation of the timber frame bridge at Wason Pond along with many dedicated residents. Myette gave the credit to all of the approximately 200 volunteers who made the project a success.

The historical society, and both president Web Anderson and member Jackie Brown, were thanked for their efforts at keeping the town attractive and vibrant, in part for the appearance of the fall’s many Chester scarecrows.

Cemetery sextant War-

ren Roberts was recognized for his efforts in working with the Village Cemetery Trustees to keep the cemeteries in good shape.

Moderator Michael Scott was honored for his decades at keeping town meeting organized and on schedule, not always an easy task in Chester.

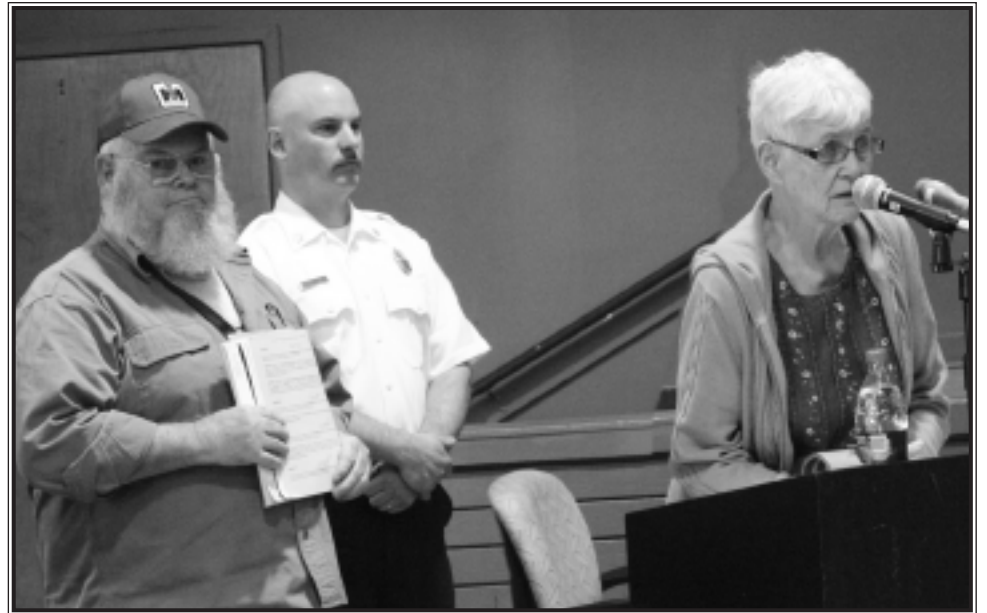
Selectman Joe Castricone was thanked for his term on the board of selectmen.

Selectman Joseph Hagan recognized the group from Lifeshare who volunteer their time to keep the multipurpose room clean and looking good.

Sisters Barbara Dolloff and Midge Gould were thanked for their own years of volunteer efforts.

Also notable was the recognition of the young volunteers who keep the Chester Clothes Closet organized and presentable. Barbara Dolloff, who spearheaded the creation of the space, commended the youngsters for their civic mindedness and made an example out of them on the value of volunteerism. Dolloff thanked the kids and their parents for all of their efforts before the town presented them each with certificates and a bright blue ‘volunteer’ emblazoned Chester, NH t-shirt.

“We wouldn’t have the Clothes Closet without the generosity of all the people here,” said Dolloff. “The whole thing is so wonderful and these kids have been awesome.”



After it was announced that Chester’s fire station would be named in his honor, Barbara Dolloff speaks about her husband Red Dolloff’s dedication to his town. Looking on are current fire chief Rich Antoine and former firefighter and Red’s good friend, John Colman. Colman and Darrell Quinn spearheaded the effort to dedicate the station.

## Churches Prepare for Crop Walk

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Seven area churches are planning to participate in the 20th annual Greater Hampstead Crop Walk for Hunger this year, and each congregation is working to promote support and raise money for it.

The walk will take place Sunday, May 20, at 1 p.m. leaving from Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 171 Zion Hill Road in North Salem. Walkers, sponsors and volunteers are needed. The walk is aimed at helping in the fight against hunger, and the theme is “Ending Hunger One Step At a Time.”

The Crop Walk is non-denominational and raises money by volunteers walk-

ing a 10K route and asking people to sponsor them. The money raised is used locally and worldwide to fight hunger and poverty.

“Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays here in our communities to help the community fight hunger and poverty,” said Diane Hardy. “We support Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families in Rockingham County. We also support our local food pantries at Holy Angels Church in Plaistow, St Anne’s Church in Hampstead, and Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church in Salem.”

The rest of the money raised goes to world projects that include helping families in Kenya get clean water, assisting refugees from Burma to survive in camps along the Thailand/Burma border, enabling families in Guatemala to

grow more and better food, and helping communities working to recover from storms and natural disasters throughout the United States.

The seven churches that participate in the Crop Walk each year are Holy Angels Church in Plaistow, Hampstead Congregational Church, First Baptist Church in Plaistow, St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Hampstead, Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church in Salem, Atkinson Congregational Church, and St Anne’s Catholic Church in Hampstead.

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# House Numbering Ordinance in Sandown to be Enforced

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Starting in June the town will be notifying those residents who have insufficiently visible house numbers on their properties that they may be fined if they don't rectify the situation.

It's an effort to abide by voters' decision at town meeting that they'd rather see an existing house numbering ordinance enforced than require the installation of the uniform E-911 system.

While emergency responders, those most famil-

iar with numbering in town, urged voters to approve the uniform system so that they can better serve them, voters denied the measure.

Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and police officers have all stated that they regularly have difficulty in finding homes to which they have been dispatched because of poor or non-existent numbering practices.

The E-911 system would have seen the installation of posts with reflective numbering beside each driveway in town.

Discussion at deliberative session had some urging the town to enforce the current ordinance and as such the selectmen have directed the police department and code enforcement officer to do so.

The wording of the ordinance, passed about three decades ago, is vague, but officials are asking all homeowners to make sure their number is easily seen from the street, day or night. The best placement would be next to the driveway.

Police chief Joe Gordon told the board of selectmen

that his officers will be out looking for compliance in coming weeks and that he plans to have a list of non-compliant homes in the hands of the selectmen by June 1.

Gordon remarked that he has already seen some initiative taken by property owners to make sure their number is visible.

After the list of insufficiently marked homes is with the selectmen they will pass it off to Ken Sherwood, code enforcement officer, to begin warning residents that continued non-compliance will result in fines.

Also discussed:

The police department will be purchasing five new radios to improve their communications thanks to a recently received federal grant.

The money, totaling \$10,490, comes through the US Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and will cover 100 percent of the cost of the radios.

Gordon only received notification of the award, something that has gone to departments across the state, on Saturday, May 12.

The timeframe for accepting the grant is small so Gordon met with board to obtain their approval.

The grant allowed for a choice of radios and Gordon discussed the matter with area police chiefs before deciding. Each radio the department will be getting costs \$2,098, but the top of the line model (something Gordon opted against) costs more than a \$1000 more.

Gordon hopes that the radios, coupled with improved communication infrastructure, will improve his officers' ability to do their jobs.

## Building Inspector

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prompted the board to require Sherwood to be in the office during regularly scheduled office hours unless ill or on previously approved vacation time.

Though the board referred to them as vacations, Sherwood argued that his fee based position was anomalous and that he had effectively never had vacations, as defined for a regular employee. Sherwood also argued that the code enforcement position was paid by stipend.

Prior to Monday's meeting Sherwood made himself available seven days a week to those that needed inspections and permits, but only had a few hours of scheduled office time. He argued that the set up has long provided expeditious service to residents and contractors.

An assistant building inspector is available when Sherwood is out of town, and Sherwood argued that the important issue is not when he's taking time off but that there is always coverage.

The board eventually capped Sherwood's vacation time to 20 days, starting immediately, and required

him to alert the board two weeks prior to taking it, as per the employee policy.

Chair Steve Brown remarked that the board was not trying to prevent Sherwood from spending time away with his family now that he's retired from his full time job (Sherwood retired from the building department in Salem, NH in February), but that the town needed a building inspector.

Much time was taken up with how Sherwood should be paid. The current practice is that those in need of his services pay the related fees up front. This practice had selectmen concerned about the fairness of paying someone for work that may not be done (given the vagaries of the inspection process) for months.

The board informed Sherwood that they were intending to institute a system whereby 50 percent of the fee is paid when documentation of the rough inspection has been turned in and the remainder upon completion of the final inspection.

Sherwood agreed that at first glance the current system seemed flawed, but that it was arrived at after other

systems failed. Sherwood explained that current practice was adopted in the late 1990's per recommendation of the town's auditors. He argued that many inspections occur before the rough inspection and that it wasn't fair to withhold payment for that earlier work until the rough inspection was handled.

Sherwood added that the bookkeeping necessary for the payment method the selectmen desired was complicated and would effectively be taking the town backward.

Selectman Tom Tombarello was adamant that the current system was bad practice, especially since he has been made aware of numerous jobs that never received a final inspection. Tombarello urged better accounting of ongoing jobs, stating that the payment change would help rectify the situation.

Concern was shown by the board on Sherwood's accounting of jobs and the filing of related paperwork.

Sherwood remarked that it was up to the builder to inform him when the work was complete.

Tombarello eventually put his foot down during the long discussion, saying that the selectmen were in

charge and they needed to have a new system implemented. Sherwood said he was amenable to the change but suggested tweaks to the selectmen's initial proposal.

A new 50/50 system is set to be implemented on June 1.

New office hours for the building department will be on Mondays from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Sherwood initially argued that few if any residents come in during his current office time on Mondays and that it may not be time effective to increase that presence, especially as he is on call for any building needs.

Also punctuating the discussion was a disagreement over the enforcement of a long dormant ordinance that requires visible house

numbering (see related story). Though Sherwood urged the selectmen to consult counsel before issuing the ordinance-specified \$25 fines for non-compliance, the selectmen argued that the voters had approved the ordinance and both the selectmen and police department were on board and as such it was time to move forward.

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# Hampstead Middle School Only School in State in 'Let's Move'



Hampstead Middle School was the only New England school and one of only 600 schools across the country to participate in the second annual celebration of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move! Flash Workout," part of her national fight against childhood obesity. The entire school – students, teachers, staff, administrators, custodians – took part in a 4-minute dance to Beyonce's "Move Your Body" Thursday afternoon, May 3.

*Courtesy photo*

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The entire student population, along with all teachers, administrators, staff and custodians, participated in the second annual Hampstead Middle School "Let's Move! Flash Workout."

The event took place Thursday afternoon, May 3, and even the weather cooperated, as the school, one of 600 across the country and the only one in New England, carried on First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" initiative, choreographed to Beyonce's "Move Your Body" song and workout dance routine.

The idea caught the attention of HMS Health and Physical Education teacher Katie Muskrat last year. She organized the event and had it videotaped, then sent in the video. The school was invited to participate again this year, which pleased Muskrat and fitted in with her fitness efforts. She encourages fitness and exercise and has worked with the school to institute Fitness Friday, where students can take advantage of a 45-minute fitness period.

HMS eighth graders who participated in the "Let's Move! Flash Workout" routine last year spent a week teaching the choreographed moves of the dance workout to the rest of the student body, and led the workout dressed in colorful T-shirts and mismatched, brightly colored knee socks. Faculty and staff were involved, with everyone wearing a T-shirt that read "Move Your Body." Even the school's Hawk mascot got into the act, participating in the 4-minute dance routine.

HMS was excited to be one of the schools participating in the one-year anniversary celebration of the "Let's Move! Flash Workout." The event was sponsored by Beyonce and the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation (NABEF). The initiative is part of her fight against childhood obesity.

Michelle Obama issued a message May 3, saying, "One year ago today, I teamed up with Beyonce to show kids all across the country that being active isn't just good for you – it's fun too. But you don't only have to dance in a flash mob to get moving. Whether its

hula hooping, playing sports or just going for a walk, all kids can find a way to be active for 60 minutes a day and eat nutritious, delicious food so they grow up healthy and strong."

Echoing Obama's push for kids to exercise at least 60 minutes a day has become part of Muskrat's daily mantra as she teaches her students. Her own son, Owen Muskrat, along with Ryan McMahon, both elementary school students, led the exercise last week, and did it with enthusiasm, energy and great poise.

Hannah Lindquist, a fifth grade student said, "I've enjoyed doing this because it has been such fun. We've had three practices."

Eighth grader Danielle Kuhl said, "It's a fun way for everyone to get together and help Michelle Obama in her fight against obesity."

Abby DeLuca, an eighth grader, added, "I think we worked really hard on this. It took time and patience, but it is important to be in shape and to have good fitness."

Another eighth grader Samantha Day added, "We pulled it off even with all the last-minute changes and revisions. It was cool."

And eighth grader Emily Cicio summed it all up saying, "It was a fun way to get up and move and not just sit at home."

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# Recycling Informational Forum to Address Trash Restriction Complaints

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD: The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee after doing months of research and investigation voted to create new curbside trash allow-

ances for Hampstead residents that will become effective on July 2nd. The Board of Selectmen approved the decision. But some residents don't think they can comply.

After July 2nd a single family residence can place

outside for curbside pick-up 2 barrels or 4 bags. A single family dwelling with an in-law apartment may put out 3 barrels or 6 bags while a duplex can have 4 barrels or 8 bags of curbside trash for pick-up. Condominiums are allowed the same amount as

a residence or 2 barrels or 4 bags while two-unit apartment buildings can put out 3 barrels or 6 bags. Mobile or manufactured homes on common property can put out 2 barrels or 4 bags of curbside trash for pick-up.

These amounts effectively cut in half the amount that had been allowed under the regulation issued in October 2003. Those amounts were found to be much too generous especially when it was discovered that the average resident was actually putting out only a fraction of what was allowed.

There have been less than a half dozen calls objecting to the new regulation but the Recycling Committee would like to be able to address each concern. Because callers didn't leave names or phone numbers the committee has decided to hold an Informational Meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, June 21st at 7 p.m. At this time they will again explain why

the decision to reduce the allowable amount of trash for curbside pick-up was made. Those reasons include the fact that increased recycling which has no limitation will reduce the amount of trash the Town has to pay for and that the average household was only putting out a fraction of the previously allowed amount. While the committee realistically doesn't expect to be able to convince everyone they can live with the new allowable amounts they felt it important to give residents opposed to the new regulation the opportunity to be heard and the committee to have the opportunity to explain again the reasons for the decision.

The curbside vendor, Bestway Disposal, will be paying attention and when a household violates the allowable number of bags and or barrels they will alert Town Hall to the address and the household will be contacted. In addition, Bestway Disposal will only take

the allowed number bags and barrels.

The committee decided that residents should have the option of leaving more bags (note not more barrels but more bags) out if they needed to. Residents will have to come to Town Hall and procure stickers for such excess bags. Stickers would be probably as little as a dollar.

The committee noted that trash tonnage is going down saving the Town money in reduced tipping fees. The hope is that when people make more of an effort to recycle the trash tonnage will go down even further.

A new brochure put together by the Recycling Committee will be mailed out in the next week or so detailing what can and what cannot be recycled and all other pertinent trash and recycling information. Then in June a flyer will sent to residents from the Recycle Bank letting residents know what this entails and how to participate.

## Wason Pond Pounder this Saturday

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The second Wason Pond Pounder is set to be unleashed on the shores of Wason Pond this Saturday. The Pounder is a 5K obstacle course that will see competitors of nearly all ages ducking ropes, climbing A-frames, jumping hurdles, hauling heavy stuff and sloshing through the pond in an effort to earn the best time across the finish line.

The whole thing is put on through the leadership of the Field of Dreams Committee as a fundraiser for building playing fields at Wason Pond. Last

October's Pounder brought in more than 500 competitors from across the country and raised more than \$17,000.

This time around the group is planning on even more success.

The event is scheduled for May 19 at the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area. Starting at 9 a.m. waves of 75 runners will start the course every 20 minutes. While most waves are general admission, there are some special waves to look out for.

At 1 p.m. the friends and family of Branden Myers will head off together, doing something they know the young man, who lost his life in a car

crash last December, would have loved. The proceeds of this wave will go to the Branden Myers Memorial Fund.

A family wave starts at noon. While the event is generally for ages 14 and up, the family wave is open to all eight years old and up.

Other specialty waves include the 1:40 p.m. Fire Department Challenge and at 2 p.m. a Police Department Challenge.

Registration is \$45 per person, but a "large team discount" is available for teams of 20 or more.

For more information visit, [www.wasonpond-pounder.com](http://www.wasonpond-pounder.com).



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## Electric Music

Fourth Grade students at Hampstead Central Elementary School recently performed the musical play "It's Electrifying" which chronicled the history of Electricity. Performances included Ben Franklin, Greek Goddesses, Electromagnets, as well as Rappers Electrons Capacitors and Solar Power.

Photos by Chris Paul

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ed attention. He said he had a \$1,500 grant for the motorcycle which would go back into the Detail Fund.

Beaudoin told the board he had received notification of an available \$14,000 Homeland Security grant that would pay for special four radios for the Department. The board said they

would sign off on the form and that there would be a public hearing to accept the grant after the fact.

He said the Highway Safety and Street Light Committee met and determined that the request to shut down the street light at 187 East Road was not a safety issue so it would be turned off. He also said the State was going to be notified about a request from Tel

Noah for a painted cross walk between the camp's pool area and the tennis court's across Main Street. Beaudoin felt it a legitimate request and said the camp would underwrite it if the state did not. Finally he said Freedom Hill Road residents wanted to place a traffic mirror on a tree to improve traffic safety coming off of Kent Farm Road. A resident would allow his

tree to be used. Beaudoin said the cost would be \$150 and asked if the town would foot the bill. The board said the residents should pay but if they refused Beaudoin could bring the issue back to the board for further discussion. Emerson raised a question of liability should the town actually be involved in the installation but no one knew the answer. Selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist suggested Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen Sally Theriault check with the Town's insurer on that.

Worthen said that East Road would be closed to through traffic next week for the grinding and paving work. Signs announcing this and the detours would be put up the end of this week.

The President of the Pentucket Bank, Scott Cote and the local Branch Manager Marion Donahue presented the Town with a check for \$5,000 to be used for the restoration of the Paul Revere, Jr. Bell in the Old Meeting House steeple. Cote said the bank is here in the community to stay and wants to be an active community participant. He indicated the bank is especially interested in historic preservation projects. Donahue

said the bank has been following the bell's story and wanted to be a part of it, hoping to hear it ring in Independence Day. Murphy thanked them on behalf of the Town and members of the Historic District Heritage Commission, Maury Randall, Rob Morris, and Chip Hastings, were present to thank them personally as well.

A public hearing was held to accept the donation where it was accepted.

Three bids were opened for the Fire Station Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator system. The bids were from: Zoll that bid \$26,505 for a new unit and \$26,000 for two refurbished units; Phillips Health bid \$24,241.70 for a new unit and \$22,950.20 for one refurbished unit; and, Physio Control bid \$28,515.18 for a new unit and \$26,331.96 for two refurbished units. The board approved forwarding the bids to the Fire Chief for his recommendation.

Fire Chief Michael Carrier reviewed the bids and recommended going with the low bidder, Zoll who would provide two refurbished units for \$26,000. The board approved. Carrier asked the board to approve his decision to

reject all the bids for the fire station sprinkler system that he had a grant for. He told the board the bids had failed to include an issue of water pressure getting sprinkler coverage in the attic, engineers are trying to work it out. He wants to send out a new RFP making sure bidders incorporate the water pressure issue, if it can't be resolved the grant will likely have to be returned. The board approved rejection of the two vendor bids that had been submitted for the sprinkler system and approved sending out a new RFP.

Lindquist suggested changing the Capital Improvements Committee that has failed to draw any volunteers to a Town Facilities Committee, saying she has two candidates already willing to serve. The board approved the change and asked for volunteers.

The board also approved putting up the draft minutes from board meetings in order to get them posted sooner. The board also asked that other committee minutes get checked to see if there can be a timelier posting.

The board also approved Gerald Mackey as the new Cemetery Trustee.

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# Hampstead District Moves Forward with Facilities Improvements

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - Breadloaf Architects provided the Hampstead School District with a Comprehensive Facilities Assessment of the district's schools in 2010. Since that time, the Facilities Committee has been reviewing the information in the report and has developed a list of priorities from it. The committee identified seven priorities in 2011, and Breadloaf was asked this spring to assist the committee in developing a phased approach to completing the list of priorities.

That assistance was provided free.

The priority list includes:

- \* Replace portable classroom space with permanent, in-school space at both schools.

- \* Correct ventilation issues with Central School South Wing.

- \* Correct building envelope/insulation at Central School South Wing.

- \* Music Space at Central School.

- \* Enhancements to Middle School main entrance.

- \* Flexible learning space at both schools.

- \* Facilities storage building at Middle School.

The list was narrowed to include the following for Phase One:

- \* Replace three portables at Central School.

- \* Correct ventilation and envelope issues at Central School South Wing

- \* Provide recognizable main entrance at Middle School.

- \* Renovate Middle School library to provide flexible learning spaces and increased use of technology.

School District Facilities Director Mike Hall explained that the Facilities Committee asked Breadloaf to prepare a proposal for additional planning services to address Phase One priorities. The cost of the proposal is \$17,460 for the plan designs and option; mechanical systems identification and evaluation; preliminary project schedule to include final design, engineering, permitting and construction; a total project budget and then a look forward to

Phase Two. The cost for the planning services for the Middle School is \$7,634 and \$9,826 for Central School.

Hall told the School Board he has the money in his budget to cover the \$17,460. This was questioned by board member Jaye Dimando, who asked what had not been done to free up this money. Hall responded that everything scheduled has been completed.

Dimando made it clear she opposes the work proposed for the HMS library. Hall had explained that it made sense to do this now because he has scheduled the HMS library to be completely emptied, so that asbestos floor mastic can be removed and the room recarpeted during the summer of 2013. The asbestos removal is already budgeted, and the additional work could be accomplished while the library is empty, he said.

Dimando said she has concerns with the "open space" library from a security standpoint and also is opposed to any addition to Central School.

Member Jim Stewart asked if it would be possible just to get rid of the Central School portables, given the demographics showing a decreasing student population. Four classes are housed in the portables currently, and the consensus was that the school building probably couldn't accom-

modate those classrooms.

The board voted to direct the Facilities Committee to move forward with Breadloaf on preparing design options for Phase One, allowing Hall to expend the \$17,460 for the work. Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg noted that a great deal of information would have to be given to residents regard-

ing the proposed projects.

The board asked that each segment of Phase One be priced out individually.

Hall also told the board he is working on a parking lot light retrofit project. Six of the outdoor parking lot lights have been retrofitted from 400 watt HID Metal Halide lamps to 32 watt LED lamps as a test.

"If this is successful, all

the parking lot lights will be retrofitted," he said. "The cost for the retrofit was \$600 per fixture, with a projected energy savings of \$262 per year per fixture. The simple payback would be 2.3 years."

Dimando asked what the cost would be to complete this project, and Hall estimated it at \$7,200.

## Frost Farm Reading Series Begins

The Frost Farm's 2012 Hyla Brook Reading Series Season starts Thursday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a reading by Maudelle Driskell, executive director of The Frost Place in Franconia.

This kicks off a season that includes appearances by poets Len Krisak, Gary Margolis, Linda Pastan and Sharon Olds.

The Reading Series, held at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry is free. An Open Mic follows the readings, with audience members invited to share their work.

Driskell has a master's degree in poetry from Warren Wilson College and is the recipient of the Ruth Lilly Fellowship, awarded by Poetry magazine and the Modern Language Association. She was a founding editor of The Atlanta

Review.

Featured reader June 14 is Len Krisak. He is a past recipient of Robert Penn Warren and Robert Frost Prizes and awards from the New England Poetry Club and the Los Angeles Poetry Festival.

Featured reader July 12 is Gary Margolis, executive director of College Mental Health Services Emeritus and Associate Professor of English and American Literatures at Middlebury College in Vermont. He was a Robert Frost and Arthur Vining Davis Fellow and has taught at the University of Tennessee, Vermont and Bread Loaf Writers' Conferences. His third book, *Fire in the Orchard* was nominated for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

Linda Pastan is featured reader Aug. 9. She has published 13 volumes of poetry, two of them finalists for the

National Book Award. She has been Poet Laureate of Maryland, and in 2003 won the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for lifetime achievement.

Sharon Olds is featured reader Sept. 13. She is the author of nine books of poetry. Her "The Dead and the Living" received the National Book Critics Circle Award, "The Unswept Room" was a finalist for the National Book Award and The National Book Critics Circle Award, and "One Secret Thing" was a finalist for the Forward Prize. She teaches at New York University.

The Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop will continue to meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Frost Farm.

For questions, please contact Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com or visit <http://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets>.

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# Sandown Fire Chief Seeking Life Insurance for His Department

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Fire Chief Bill Tapley is pushing to get life insurance for the members of his department. The department realized that there was no such coverage after the Line of Duty death of Sandown firefighter Harold Frey in January of last year.

Since Frey's death Tapley has been mired in paperwork and efforts at obtaining death benefits for Frey's family. That work has uncovered some outstanding issues, including that without a life insurance policy and beneficiary plans on file in a volunteer firefighter's department, the federal government, through the

Department of Justice's Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program, can withhold the benefit.

The PSOB benefit is adjusted each year, but currently totals \$323,035.75.

"Unfortunately, we learned the hard way," said Tapley, referencing the benefit loophole.

According to Tapley, it is unlikely that Frey's family will see that money.

It was assumed in the department, and in many surrounding departments, that volunteers were covered through the town, an assumption which had never been put to the test. Members are covered under an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan, but the Department of Justice

doesn't see this as a qualified life insurance policy.

It's taken a lot of Tapley's time to sift through the paperwork and laws, but he's now ready to move forward to get a basic life insurance policy for members and has met with an insurance agent to get the specifics.

"My goal is to make sure my guys, and girls, are covered," said Tapley. He added that he's not sure yet where he'll find the money in his already tight budget, but suggested that he'd be willing to pay for it by postponing a project to install new doors at the station.

The move has prompted some changes around the department.

At the time of Frey's

death during a routine ice training exercise, he was still a probationary member and as such wasn't under the department's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan. Now all probationary members will get their paperwork done before they start.

Because there is a premium involved with a life insurance plan, Tapley has had to slim the ranks of the department. Those members who are still on the roster, but who rarely show up to trainings or calls, had to be removed. They understood the situation, said Tapley, many of them agreeing that they just didn't have the time to volunteer any more.

"Times have changed

and we have to change with the times," said Tapley. It's a great department and the guys knew they had to do it...We appreciate all of their help over the years, but lives change."

The plan the department is looking at is a basic one, with \$10,000 of coverage. It's about enough to pay for a funeral. Premium costs are not yet known.

Frey's funeral expenses were initially covered by the town, but that \$6,915.70 was reimbursed through workers' compensation.

Tapley conceded that the plan would be a cost to the town, but a justifiable one. "God forbid anyone dies again. But if they do we want to make sure their family gets something. We

don't want a wife to lose the house because we weren't covered," he said.

Together with Mark Klose of the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association, Tapley has been working with other departments to make sure they are prepared for Line of Duty deaths.

Tapley said that being a chief for only a handful of years he's usually the one calling on fellow, longer serving chiefs, but such was not the case in this situation. Many departments are calling to ask for instruction.

Both Klose and Tapley have been visiting neighboring departments to discuss the issue with them.

# Zoning Board Continues Hearing on Proposed Barn

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) granted two requests for special excep-

tions, and continued one hearing on an oversized accessory barn request to its June 14 meeting.

At its May 3 meeting, the ZBA unanimously approved Glen and Dale Delu-

ca's request for a special exception to allow them to install an above-ground pool at 6 Croy Path, despite being too close to the lot line on one side. The backyard where the pool will be

is fenced in, and there are no close neighbors.

James Wilkerson had previously been granted his request to tear down the existing dwelling at 126 Wash Pond Road and to con-

struct a new dwelling. Wilkerson was back asking for a special exception to enclose a porch on the new dwelling.

When the board learned that the knee walls would only be two feet high and the sliding glass windows would be 5 feet high, with no heating or air conditioning planned for the porch, it unanimously approved the request.

Greg Thurlander's request for a special exception to allow him to build a 40-by-60-foot barn on property owned by Albert Meyer at 87 Main St. resulted in a continuance. The proposed barn would exceed the 750 square feet allowed for

accessory buildings.

Thurlander had the required letter from the property owner but did not have a rendering or a plan for the barn. The board aired concerns regarding the barn's size; whether it would fit the 3.91 acre property; and whether its style would be in keeping with the house and surrounding barns and homes.

Thurlander had the option of putting his request to a vote at last week's meeting or continuing the hearing. He decided to continue his request to the next meeting and will bring in a rendering and plan.

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# Chester Academy Students Show Off this Year's Artwork

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Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – On Thursday May 10, Chester Academy students showed off their creative sides during the first of two annual Integrated Arts Nights. Thursday saw first and second grade students showing off some of the work they'd been accomplishing in music class, in enrichment programs and in homeroom art class, while sixth, seventh and eighth graders displayed their visual art throughout the hallways.

The gym was packed with parents watching the school's young students perform with music teachers Beth Vanderhoek and Kurt Schweiss.

As individual music classes the kids choose, from the entire year's projects, what they want to perform for the night. Songs were sung and dances danced. Vanderhoek remarked that she always lets the kids vote on what they'd like to perform, it's something that allows for more involvement and interest in preparation for their show.

As one of many performances, Kim Kilpatrick's second grade class performed a reel to the song 'Alabama Gal.' Vanderhoek said that dancing is many of the students' favorite work. It leaves them more

exhausted than gym class, she joked, because not only are they moving but they're remembering steps and keeping in time.

The kids are great at remembering not only the dances, but also the songs they sing. For example, the entire first grade sang 'Chicken Soup and Rice' (based on Maurice Sendak's iconic children's book) a complicated number with many verses.

Vanderhoek says that to help the kids memorize the song, she draws a caterpillar on the chalkboard. Each new segment represents a measure, and she's amazed at how well they understand and remember the basics of music. Not only have the first graders memorized an entire 30 measures, but her second graders did too.

"I don't know how they do it. They're just awesome," said Vanderhoek.

The first graders also showed off their music skills during the reel as they clapped in time, and kept the beat steady the whole song.

Schweiss, with his advanced music students in the upper grades, worked with elementary library classes on a multimedia project. The students in Susan Warnke's library classes created picture books which were sent off to Schweiss's classroom where students composed

songs for them. They utilized their particular instruments to convey with music what the younger students were getting across with words and pictures.

It's the first year Schweiss has spearheaded the project and he's looking to expand on the idea in coming years, hopefully to involve all of his students and multi-instrument compositions.

In the hallways were two pieces of art from each of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade art students. Art teacher Lisa Blanchette was impressed with her students' work this year. She runs art classes with an eye to independence and creativity and the work on the walls echoed that effort.

They work with watercolor and acrylic paints, recycled materials, pen and ink and many other medium to create work that is meaningful to them.

The art teacher remarked that she works to treat all of her students as artists. She creates a basic plan for them to follow so that they may acquire a solid foundation in visual art and then encourages them to follow their own creativity and to think and respond to the world around them.

Each work had an artist's statement that had the kids explain the reasons behind their creations. There were

splatter paintings, watercolor landscapes, oil flowers, an acrylic horse named Puzzle galloping through a sunset and a minimalist panda in a bamboo forest. The ideas were multifold, and both realistic and abstract. Many showed an appreciation of animals and wildlife. In their statements the kids explained their process and pointed out the finer points of their work that observers might miss.

In the library, enrichment teacher Carol LaChance walked among visiting parents and students to show off, and talk up, the work they had done in the school's Gifted Or Talented at Chester Academy (GOTCHA) program. Many of the displays involved Lachance's leadership in laying solid groundwork for writing skills. She works with the kids in something called 'picturing writing.' The process, developed by educators at the University of New Hampshire is lauded as a way to foster literacy through visual art. By combining writing with the kids' natural tendency to draw and tell stories through pictures, the program offers a chance to forge new connections and improve literacy, explained LaChance.

Integrated Arts Night for third, fourth and fifth grades is set for Thursday, May 24.



Second graders in Amy Leslie's class perform a song during Chester Academy's Integrated Arts Night last week. Music teacher Beth Vanderhoek, seated at the piano, led her first and second graders through a number of well received performances.

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# TRI-TOWN HAPPENINGS

## CHESTER

### Storytimes

Storytimes at Chester Public Library are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. They are geared for children ages 3 to 5, and Mr. Tim will read stories and teach crafts. The Library is at 3 Chester St., next to the Post Office. For more information, call 887-3404.

### Wason Pond Pounder

The Wason Pond Pounder is Saturday, May 19, at the Wason Pond Conservation Area on Route 102. The fundraiser is a 5K trail run, with obstacles, on the scenic trails at Wason Pond. Start times are every 20 minutes, beginning at 9 a.m., for ages 14 and above, with a Family Wave at noon for ages 8 and above, running with an adult. The Branden Myers Memorial Wave is at 1 p.m., the Fire Department Challenge at 1:40 p.m., and the Police Department Challenge at 2 p.m. Participate as an individual or team and help support the Chester Field of Dreams. Volunteers are also needed. For details, visit [www.wasonpondpounder.com](http://www.wasonpondpounder.com) or call 867-0132.

### June jubilee

The Chester Congregational & Baptist Church will be having its annual June Jubilee on Saturday, June 2nd from 9am to 3pm at the church. Come enjoy our delicious home-made menu that includes barbecue chicken, rib dinner, or North Carolina style pulled pork with all the "fix-ins". Cost is \$11 for Regular plates, \$17 for Combo plates, and \$6 for Kid's plates. The barbecue dinner is served from 11am until 3pm and take-out is available. Also featured is the church yard sale and bake sale – come and find your treasures! All proceeds will benefit the church. For more information please call the church office at 887-4799 or email [chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net](mailto:chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net). The church is located in the center of Chester.

### Chester Public Library

Local poet Robert Crawford, will read excerpts from his latest work "The Empty Chair" on Tues., May 22 at 7 p.m. Crawford's works are

heavily influenced by the New England landscape. The author will answer questions about his poetry at the end of the reading. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. The Library is located at 3 Chester St., Chester. For more info, call the Library at 887-3404.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Boxtop Drive

Hampstead Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) invites the community to join its BoxTops for Education Drive, which provides money to enrich the programs offered to Hampstead Central School and Hampstead Middle School students. Help by clipping boxtops from products and drop them off at collection sites around the community - Hampstead Public Library, Hampstead Central School, and Hampstead Memorial Gym.

### Color Pencil Workshop

Area artist and teacher Ann Perkins will teach an art workshop on drawing with color pencils at the Hampstead Public Library on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring paper and color pencils. The workshop is for adults and for kids ages 13 and up. Sign up at the library's front desk, call the library 329-6411, or email [programsHPL@gmail.com](mailto:programsHPL@gmail.com).

### Swedish Meatballs

A Swedish Meatball Supper will be held Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. The menu includes meatballs, egg noodles, carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, breads, assorted desserts and beverages. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and no charge for preschoolers. Take-out meals are available, and the church is chair-lift accessible. Dinner proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. For more information, call 378-0683.

### Books for Breakfast

The Hampstead Public Library continues its Books

for Breakfast event series from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26. The program is designed to give families more time together. The library will have crafts, books to share, and breakfast foods. Everyone who attends will be entered in a raffle. This program series is made possible by a grant from Target. Books for Breakfast will not meet from June through August, but will resume in September.

### Red Sox Tickets

Hampstead's Baseball & Softball Association is selling raffle tickets at one for \$10 or three for \$20 for four tickets to the Red Sox vs. Yankees game July 8 in section 165 row MM. The winner will be picked at the end of the association's season. Contact Mike Fairbank at [mpmbfairbank@msn.com](mailto:mpmbfairbank@msn.com) or 617-462-6827 for tickets. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the improvements at the fields and a new scoreboard at Holiday Lane.

### Strawberry Festival

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., hosts its annual Strawberry Festival and Craft Fair on Saturday June 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate summer. Games for children, a plant table, baked goods, a lunch, and strawberry shortcake are featured, along with almost 30 spaces for crafters. Crafters who wish to be outside must bring their own weather shelter. Crafter applications are available by visiting [www.hampsteaducc.org](http://www.hampsteaducc.org) and going to the news section or contacting Kate Thomas at [katiebt@comcast.net](mailto:katiebt@comcast.net) or 489-8170.

### Crafters and Artists Wanted

St. Anne Summerfest is seeking crafters and artists for the event being held Sat., July 28, on the Hampstead Town Green. This all-day event, has booths open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities planned for the day include a road race, vintage car show, games for all ages, food and bake sales, bounce tent and obstacle course, live entertainment, silent auction, and raffles. This is a very popular event, with over 1500 visitors! Spaces

are 10' x 10' and cost \$40 for an uncovered space and \$50 for a covered space. You can find directions and the application online at [www.saintannechurchnh.org](http://www.saintannechurchnh.org) (click on "Summerfest" at the top, then "Craft and Art Booths"), or contact Claire Manes at (603) 642-3250 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.).

### Compost Bins

The Hampstead Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has again obtained compost bins for residents. The compost bins are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$47. For more information, contact Tina Harrington at 329-4100, ext. zero.

### Vacation Bible Kickoff

All are invited to the "Gold Rush Gathering" Vacation Bible School (VBS) kickoff event on Saturday, June 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Road. Games, food, and inflatables are featured. VBS is free and will run from June 25 - 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit [www.islandpondbc.org](http://www.islandpondbc.org) or call the church office at 329-5959 for more information.

### Church Yard Sale

St. Christopher Episcopal Church's annual Yard Sale is Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 187 East Road, rain or shine. Household goods, sports equipment, furniture, tools, books, games, toys, clothing, specialty items, and a selection of Christmas decorations will be offered. Donations for the yard sale may be dropped off at the church on Friday, May 18, from 2 to 6:30 p.m., and before 8 a.m. Saturday, May 19. Proceeds will support parish community outreach activities.

### May Movie

The Hampstead Public Library's May Movie is the recent film based on Janet Evanovich's "One for the Money," the first novel in her Stephanie Plum series. The movie is shown at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 31 at the library. Popcorn is served at this free event.

### Museum Passes

The Hampstead Public Library is announces an addition to its museum passes,

which are available for patrons to check out: the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. The library passes admit two to four people, depending on the day, for the admission of \$5 each, instead of the regular \$12. Call the library at 329-6411 to check pass availability and make a reservation. This museum pass is made possible by a donation from the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library.

### Storytime

Storytime for 3- to 5-olds at the Hampstead Public Library will take a break for the summer, starting Memorial Day. The last sessions are Monday, May 21, at 10 a.m. and Thursday, May 24, at 1:30 p.m.

### Holiday Hours

The Hampstead Public Library will be open normal hours on Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but will be closed on Mon. May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

### May Movie at Library

The Hampstead Public Library's May Movie is the recent film based on Janet Evanovich's "One for the Money," the first novel in her popular Stephanie Plum series. The movie will be screened at 7pm on Thursday, May 31st and is about the hapless Stephanie Plum. This library movie event is free and open to the public. Whether or not you've read Evanovich's books, come see the movie and enjoy the popcorn!

### Nonfiction Book Discussion

Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m., the Non-Fiction Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will be discussing "Paul Revere's Ride" by David Hackett Fischer. Paul Revere's midnight ride looms as an almost mythical event in American history. Fischer uncovers a truth far more remarkable than the myths of tradition. Copies of the book are available at the library's front desk, and newcomers are always welcome to the discussions.

### Soccer Club

The Hampstead Soccer Club Hurricanes is taking online registration at [www.eteamz.com/hampsteadsoccer](http://www.eteamz.com/hampsteadsoccer).

Those who wish to register in person can do so at the Hampstead Civic Club from 6 to 8 p.m. May 23 and June 5. Tryouts and skill assessments will be held at the Depot Road Fields on June 12 and 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. For questions, contact Julie Ahern at [yagger125@aol.com](mailto:yagger125@aol.com) or 382-8010, or Dan Jendrick at [d.jendrick@hotmail.com](mailto:d.jendrick@hotmail.com).

### Spring Carnival

The 2012 Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Spring Carnival for Preschool through Grade 4 is May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hampstead Central School. Carnival games, bouncy house, crafts, and treats are featured. Cost is \$3 per person, which includes games and the bouncy house. Get tickets and more information from Angeline Gorham at [ripgorham@comcast.net](mailto:ripgorham@comcast.net) or 329-7423.

### Church Yard Sale

Held rain or shine on Thurs., May 24; Fri., May 25 and Sat., May 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the East Hampstead Union Church located at 225 East Main Street, Route 121A, just south of Route 111. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897 and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund. Furniture, books, records, glassware, household items, toys, decorations, rugs, and more. Items priced as marked. Clean donations gratefully accepted starting Monday, May 21; please call or e-mail to schedule drop off. We regret we cannot accept large appliances or computers. Telephone: (603) 378-0683 or e-mail [ehuc@comcast.net](mailto:ehuc@comcast.net)

### Outside in Hampstead

The Hampstead Conservation Commission will sponsor its annual Blue Heron Rookery Walk on May 26, at 1 p.m., starting at the Golden Meadow Trail head. Bring binoculars, tick spray, hiking stick & waterproof boots (if you have them). For more info contact Linda Ross at [LMGRoss49@yahoo.com](mailto:LMGRoss49@yahoo.com).



## SANDOWN

### Dividing Perennials

If your perennials are not performing as you would like, it's probably time to divide them. The Sandown Garden Club would like to help. The club is planning its annual Plant Sale for Saturday, June 2. Club members will visit local homes and divide established perennials to sell at their sale. This will

not only help residents' gardens, but proceeds from the plant sale are used by the club for town projects. To have a club member divide your perennials, call Fran Rosenau at 887-5131. The Sandown Garden Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. For more information, visit sandown-gardenclub.org.

### Counselors-in-Training

Sandown Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for counselor-in-training (CIT) positions. CITs are not employees; they are program participants. CITs can earn community service hours, learn job responsibility and skills, and have fun while learning. All program information, including registration form, can be found on the

town website at [www.sandown.us](http://www.sandown.us) and navigating to the Parks and Recreation page. Deadline for CIT applications is May 24. A mandatory orientation will be held for CITs who have submitted their application by the deadline on Monday, June 11, at 6 p.m. A parent or guardian must attend.

### Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Dawn Leighton of San-

down, mother of nine and grandmother of nine, is participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on May 19 and 20. She is holding a yard sale Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to dusk both days at 47 Little Mill Road to raise money for the breast cancer fight. Women's clothing and shoes, household goods, antiques and postcards, jewelry, and children's items are featured.

All proceeds will go to The Avon Walk. Those who can't attend but want to make a donation may visit [www.avonwalk.org/goto/dmleighton](http://www.avonwalk.org/goto/dmleighton).

### Story Hours

Preschoolers are invited on Tuesdays to Busy Bears Story Hours with sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library, taught by Jennifer Dawley, a certified early-childhood in-

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## Library Plant, Book Sale

The Friends of the Sandown Public Library holds its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. Annuals, perennials, vegetable plants, baked goods and books are offered, and the Friends' new community cookbook, "A Literary Feast," will also be on sale. For more information, call the Library at 887-3428. Proceeds from the sale help to provide equipment, museum passes, and materials for the Sandown Public Library.

## Knitting Group

Beginners to advanced knitters are invited to join the weekly knitting group on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library.

## Military Appreciation Month

May is designated as Military Appreciation Month, and the Sandown Public Library features a military display in the exhibit case. As a token of appreciation for service, the library has teamed up with Bean Towne Coffee House and Café in Hampstead to offer a free cup of coffee to service men and women. Stop by the library to receive a gift card.

## Chess Club

Chess Club for all ages and any or no experience meets Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library with chess master Monty Cole.

## Holiday Closure

The Sandown Public Library will be closed Saturday, May 26, and Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

## Dog Registration

Residents with unregistered dogs are reminded that the deadline for registration was April 30. If the dogs aren't registered by the end of May, civil forfeiture fines of \$25 will be assessed beginning June 1. The town is required by state law to

enforce the registrations. Licensing fees are: Spayed or Neutered, 6.50; Unaltered, \$9; Citizen over 65, \$2 (for first dog only; Kennel (five or more), \$20. Current rabies certificates must be on file with the town clerk. Register in person or by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Town of Sandown, P.O. Box 583. Include check made payable to the Town of Sandown.

## Fine-Free Month

May is Fine-Free Month at the Sandown Public Library. To encourage residents to return items, all overdue library materials returned in May will have the fines removed. Patrons are encouraged – but not obligated – to "pay" their overdue fines by bringing in non-perishable food to the Library. The food will be collected by staff and given to the Food Pantry. Items needed are: snacks, crackers and cheese, juices, individual beverages, cookies, small boxes of sugar, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauces, 1-pound canned hams, cans of corned beef, tuna, or chicken, coffee (ground or instant), toilet paper (single or four-packs), tissues, shampoo, shaving cream, and disposable razors.

## Phonics Program

The Sandown Lions Club has purchased a Hooked-on-Phonics Classic learn-to-read program, available for loan to any Sandown or Danville resident with a child under 15. The loan period is three months. The loan is free but the Lions request a \$30 cash deposit that will be refunded when the program is returned. For more information, contact Project Chairman Donna Green at 974-0758. For information about joining the Sandown Lions, contact Fred Soule at 974-0547 or vbalnh@yahoo.com or any Sandown Lion.

## Cub Scouts

Sandown Pack 268 Spring Cub Scout Recruitment takes place at a pizza party on Thursday, May 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ed Garvey Recreation Center. Boys from all area towns

are welcome. Cub Scouts is open to all boys in first through fifth grades, and offers field trips, educational events and fun. Contact Niki Price at 867-7338 for more information.

## Memorial Day Parade

Sandown's Memorial Day parade line-up will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Sandown Depot. The parade will begin at 12 p.m. and proceed south on Main St. with a brief halt at the War Monument on the Town Hall lawn. At the War Monument, children are encouraged to place tokens of their appreciation to Sandown's War veterans. The parade then continues south on Main St. and into the Center Cemetery where a Memorial Service will be held lead by Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Kevin Major. Groups or individuals wishing to take part in the parade and service should contact: LTC (ret) Kevin Major at 887-5442

## REGIONAL

### Free Meals

Free family meals open to the community are offered as follows: May 17, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6 p.m., West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1250; May 19, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767; May 20, breakfast, 9 to 10 a.m., Church of the Transfiguration; May 20, lunch, noon to 1 p.m., Seventh Day Adventist Church; May 20, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; May 25, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628; May 27, lunch, noon to 1 p.m., Seventh Day Adventist Church; May 27, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Church of the Transfiguration.

## Frost Farm Reading Series

The Frost Farm's 2012 Hyla Brook Reading Series Season starts Thursday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a reading by Maudelle Driskell, executive director of The Frost Place in Franconia. The free Reading Series is held

at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. An Open Mic follows the readings, with audience members invited to share their work. For questions, contact Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com or visit [www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets](http://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets).

## Hyla Brook Poets

The Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop meets the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. For questions, contact Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com or visit [www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets](http://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets).

## Granite State Tennis

Registration is open for the summer season of Granite State Kids Community Tennis Association, a USTA travel team program for ages 5 through 18. Head Pro is Steve Getchell of Saddlebrook Tennis Academy in Florida. Travel teams compete for the opportunity to represent New Hampshire at the Sectional Tournament in late August. Age 10 and Under Tennis format is used for ages 10 and under and uses modified courts and balls. The cost is \$165 per player (\$145 per player with existing USTA membership) or \$350 per family, and includes weekly-coached play, match play, team T-shirt, and season-ending Tennis Carnival or state tournament for teams that qualify. Registration forms are available at [www.granitestatekids.com](http://www.granitestatekids.com). For more information, contact Diane Phelps at 714-4986 or [dphelps87@comcast.net](mailto:dphelps87@comcast.net).

## Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club's annual Plant Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (District IV) and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Members bring their perennials to the sale; anyone wishing to donate perennials is asked to call 432-9215. Money raised by the sale go toward the Club's

civic beautification projects at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, the Pocketpark on Manning Street, the Robert Frost Farm and other projects. For information about joining the Club, call 432-7195 or visit [derrygardenclub.org](http://derrygardenclub.org).

## Singing HU

HU (pronounced hue) is an ancient name for God sung in many cultures around the world. Join a community of spiritual seekers from all faiths in singing HU at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester on Thursdays, May 17 and June 21, at 7:30 p.m., and continuing on the third Thursday of each month. The free event is sponsored by Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit [www.eckankar-nh.org](http://www.eckankar-nh.org).

## Eckankar

An Eckankar non-denominational worship service takes place Sunday, June 10, at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and continuing on the second Sunday of each month. The service is sponsored by Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit [www.eckankar-nh.org](http://www.eckankar-nh.org).

## Running Camp

Greater Derry Running Camp for boys and girls in fifth grade and older will be held July 23-27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Cost is \$80 per child, \$95 for late sign-up after July 9. The camp is appropriate for anyone who wants to get in shape for a fall sport, with daily runs, lectures, games, relays, movies, and an end-of-the-week 2 mile and 5K race with awards. For questions, contact Amy Bernard at: [paruncamp@yahoo.com](mailto:paruncamp@yahoo.com) or 548-7470.

## Relay for Life

The Relay for Life of Greater Derry and Londonderry begins Friday, June 22, at 6 p.m. and continues until Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Track in Derry. The towns of Derry, Londonderry, Hamp-

stead, Chester, Sandown, Plaistow, Atkinson, Danville and Windham have both residents and businesses involved in the Relay. The event celebrates the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones who lost their cancer battles, and fights back against the disease. For information on how to join a team or start one, to sponsor, volunteer, or walk as a survivor or participate in any capacity, contact Brigit Ryan-Souza at 471-4113 or [derry\\_relay@cancer.org](mailto:derry_relay@cancer.org) or visit [www.relayforlife.org/derryand-londonderry-nh](http://www.relayforlife.org/derryand-londonderry-nh). The next Team Captains' meeting is May 8 at 6:45 p.m. at the Derry Public Library on East Broadway.

## Come join us for "SKY" VBS!!

Fun-filled summer program for ages 4 through 6th grade. June 25 – 29, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Calvary Bible Church, East Derry. COST: \$40.00, includes t-shirt, Max \$100.00/family, Hosted by: Orchard Christian Fellowship, [www.orchardnh.org](http://www.orchardnh.org) For more information or to register, please contact: VBS Director, Lisa Powers [lpowers@orchardnh.org](mailto:lpowers@orchardnh.org) or 425-6231 x103. Scholarships available, Donations accepted.

## Compost Bins

The Hampstead Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has once again procured compost bins for residents. The compost bins are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$47.00. For more information contact Tina Harrington at 329-4100 x 0.

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